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(C) CDA on December 3 raised reftel points with MFA Undersecretary Khaled Al-Jarallah, stressing in particular the urgent need for financial support of the PA. Jarallah did not respond directly, but noted obliquely that Kuwait is "very heartened" by press reports that the EU is "supporting East Jerusalem for the Palestinian capital." This EU approach, Jarallah opined, is a "better way of putting pressure on Israel." Charge noted that the U.S. goal is to resume negotiations between the parties without preconditions as soon as possible. Resolution of Jerusalem, as with all other final status issues, could only be achieved through direct negotiations between the parties.

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